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PROGRESS UPDATE

With the assistance of a Steering Committee and consultant team (Shannon and Wilson), the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is evaluating a range of alternatives to restore tidal processes, tidal marsh habitat and tidal channel habitat at WDFW's 264 acre Fir Island Farm project site. The Steering Committee and consultant team have been meeting monthly since December 2009 and met most recently on October 20, 2011.

Having selected restoration alternative 2A as the preferred restoration alternative in September, the Steering Committee and consultant team devoted September and October to completing the analysis and design work necessary to complete a draft 30% design report. Analysis and design work completed in September and October included interior tidal channel design, interior drainage modeling, and 3D hydrodynamic modeling. The Steering Committee and consultant team also discussed future Phase 2 studies and analysis necessary to develop a 90% design for restoration alternative 2A. Future permitting challenges and costs were also discussed. WDFW anticipates posting the draft 30% design report on WDFW's web site December 7, 2011. The Steering Committee and consultant team are planning to host a second open house on December 12, 2011 to introduce the draft 30% design report for restoration alternative 2A to the local community and to solicit comments. WDFW will request that comments be submitted by December 19, 2011.